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*Belonging to the Protestant Episcopal Church
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The Rev. Jasper Adams, *Principal of Charleston College.*
The Rev. William Barlow, *Rector of Clarendon.*
The Rev. David I. Campbell, *Minister of St. Stephen's Parish, and the
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The Rev. John W. Chanler, *Rector of St. Mark's Parish, Clarendon.*
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The Rev. Rodolphus Dickinson, *Rector of St. Paul's Church, Pendleton.*
The Rev. Charles P. Elliott, *Rector of St. James' Parish, Goose Creek.*
The Rev. Patrick H. Folker, *Rector of Trinity Church, Columbia.*
The Rev. Andrew Fowler.
The Rev. Hugh Fraser, *residing in All-Saints, Waccamaw.*
The Rev. Christopher E. Gadsden, D. D. *Rector of St. Philip's Parish,
Charleston.*
The Rev. Allston Gibbes, *Assistant Minister of St. Philip's Parish
Charleston.*
The Rev. Henry Gibbes, *Rector of All-Saints Parish, Waccamaw.*
The Rev. Paul T. Gervais, *residing in St. John's, Colleton.*
The Rev. Thomas Gates, D. D. *residing in Charleston.*
The Rev. Philip Gadsden, *Deacon, Minister at North Santee, Winyaw.*
The Rev. Christian Hankell, *Rector of St. Paul's Church, Charleston.*
The Rev. George W. Hathaway, *Deacon, Minister St. David's Parish,
Cheraw.*
The Rev. Paul Trapier Keith, *Deacon, Assistant Minister of Prince
George's Parish, Winyaw.*
The Rev. Maurice H. Lance, *Rector of Prince George's Parish, Win-
yaw.*
The Rev. William H. Mitchell, *Rector of St. James' Parish, Santee.*
The Rev. Philip Mathews, *Rector of St. Helena Church, St. Helena
Island.*
The Rev. Thomas Mills, D. D. *residing at Rocky Mount.*
The Rev. Mellish J. Motte, *Deacon, Minister of St. Matthew's Parish.*
The Rev. Edward Neufville, *Deacon, Missionary in Prince William's
Parish, and the parts adjacent.*
The Rev. Thomas Osborne, *Rector of Trinity Church, Edisto, and St.
Stephen's, Edingsville.*
The Rev. Edward Phillips, *Domestic Missionary, and Minister of St.
Stephen's Chapel, Charleston.*
The Rev. Milward Pogson, *residing in Charleston.*
The Rev. Frances H. Rutledge, *Rector of Christ Church Parish.*
The Rev. John Jacob Tschudy, *Rector of St. John's Parish, Berkley.*

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The Rev. Thomas H. Taylor, *Deacon, Minister of St. John's Parish, Colleton.*

The Rev. Edward Thomas, *Deacon, Missionary in Greenville District.*

The Rev. Peter Van Pelt, *Rector of St. Luke's Parish.*

The Rev. Joseph R. Walker, *Rector of St. Helena Parish, Beaufort.*

The Rev. William S. Wilson, *Deacon.*



A List of the Clergy and Lay-Delegates,

WHO ATTENDED THE CONVENTION OF 1826.

CLERGY.

The Right Rev. Nathaniel Bowen, D. D. Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of South-Carolina, and Rector of St. Michael's Parish, Charleston.

The Rev. Frederick Dalcho, M. D. Assistant Minister of St. Michael's Parish, Charleston.

The Rev. Christopher E. Gadsden, D. D. Rector of St. Philip's Parish, Charleston.

The Rev. Allston Gibbes, Assistant Minister of St. Philip's Parish, Charleston.

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The Rev. Thomas Osborne, Rector of Trinity Church, Edisto, and St. Stephens, Edingsville.

The Rev. Patrick H. Folker, Rector of Trinity Church, Columbia.

The Rev. William Barlow, Rector of Claremont.

• *The Rev. Mellish J. Motte,* Deacon, Minister of St. Matthew's Parish.

The Rev. David I. Campbell, Minister of St. Stephen's Parish, and the Chapels at the Black Oak and the Rocks.

The Rev. Henry Gibbes, Rector of All-Saints Parish, Waccamaw.

The Rev. Charles P. Elliott, Rector of St. James' Parish, Goose Creek.

The Rev. Edward Phillips, Domestic Missionary, and Minister of St. Stephen's Chapel, Charleston.

• *The Rev. Edward Thomas,* Deacon, Missionary in Greenville District.

The Rev. Jasper Adams, Principal of Charleston College.

LAY-DELEGATES.

- St. Michael's Parish*—Hon. Samuel Prioleau, John Bay, David Alexander, Edward Brailsford, M. D. Daniel Ravenel.
- St. Philip's Parish*—Thomas Lowndes, Thomas W. Bacot, Col. Henry H. Bacot, John Gadsden.
- St. Paul's Church, Radcliffeborough*—Edward H. Purcell, Major Samuel Wragg, Laurence E. Dawson.
- Prince George's Parish, Winyaw*—Benjamin F. Trapier.
- St. John's Parish, Berkley*—Keating Simons, Henry Trescot.
- St. John's Parish, Colleton*—Robert J. Turnbull.
- Christ Church Parish*—Thomas Barksdale.
- St. Bartholomew's Parish*—General William Youngblood.
- St. Luke's Parish*—William Heyward.
- Trinity Church, Edisto, and St. Stephen's, Edingsville*—Whitemarsh B. Seabrook.
- St. Helena Church, St. Helena Island*—Saxby Chaplin.
- Claremont Church*—Dr. Thomas Waties.
- North Santee Church, Winyaw*—Joseph Manigault, Elias Horry.
- All-Saints Parish, Waccamaw*—John H. Tucker.
- St. James' Parish, Goose Creek*—Barnard E. Bee.

The following Clergymen entitled to seats, did not attend the Convention :

- The Rev. Maurice H. Lance, Rector of Prince George's Parish, Winyaw.
- The Rev. John Jacob Tschudy, Rector of St. John's Parish, Berkley.
- The Rev. Francis P. Delavaux, Rector of St. Bartholomew's Parish.
- The Rev. Peter Van Pelt, Rector of St. Luke's Parish.
- The Rev. Philip Mathews, Rector of St. Helena Church, St. Helena Island.
- The Rev. John W. Chanler, Rector of St. Mark's Parish, Clarendon.
- The Rev. William H. Mitchell, Rector of St. James' Parish, Santee.
- The Rev. Rodolphus Dickinson, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Pendleton.
- The Rev. George W. Hathaway, Deacon, Minister of St. David's Parish, Cheraw.
- The Rev. Philip Gadsden, Deacon, Minister of the Church at North Santee, Winyaw.
- The Rev. Edward Neufville, Deacon, Missionary to Prince William's Parish, and the parts adjacent.

Mr. Paul Trapier, a Candidate for Holy Orders, was admitted to the sittings of the Convention.

The Church in this Diocess consists of, the Bishop, 28 Presbyters, 8 Deacons, and 40 organized Congregations.



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OF THE PROCEEDINGS &c.

Charleston, Wednesday, January 25th, 1826.

THE Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of South-Carolina, having, by a special Resolution, appointed this day for a stated meeting thereof, the Right Rev. Dr. Bowen, with several of the Clergy and Lay-Delegates, attended at St. Michael's Church, at half-past 10 o'clock; when Prayers were read by the Rev. Patrick H. Folker, Rector of Trinity Church, Columbia; and an appropriate Discourse delivered by the Rev. Henry Gibbes, Rector of All-Saints Parish, Waccamaw. The Holy Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was then administered by the Bishop.

The usual Religious Services being over, the Bishop took the Chair, *ex-officio*. The Rev. Dr. Dalcho, Secretary.

The following Clergy attended; and the following Lay-Delegates presented Certificates of their appointment, which being read and approved, they took their seats accordingly:

St. Michael's Parish—The Right Rev. Nathaniel Bowen, D. D. Rector, the Rev. Frederick Dalcho, M. D. Assistant Minister; the Hon. Samuel Prioleau, John Bay.

St. Philip's Parish—The Rev. Christopher E. Gadsden, D. D. Rector, the Rev. Allston Gibbes, Assistant Minister; Thomas Lowndes, Thomas W. Bacot.

St. Paul's Church, Radcliffeborough—The Rev. Christian Hanckell, Rector; Edward H. Purcell.

Prince George's Parish, Winyaw—The Rev. Paul T. Keith, Deacon, Assistant Minister; Benjamin F. Trapier.

St. Helena Parish, Beaufort—The Rev. Joseph R. Walker, Rector.

St. John's Parish, Berkley—Keating Simons, Henry Trescot.

St. John's Parish, Colleton—The Rev. Thomas H. Taylor, Deacon, Minister, the Rev. Paul T. Gervais; Robert J. Turnbull.

Christ Church Parish—The Rev. Francis H. Rutledge; Thomas Barksdale.

St. Bartholomew's Parish—General William Youngblood.

Trinity Church Edisto, and St. Stephen's, Edingsville—The Rev. Thomas Osborne, Rector.

St. Helena Church on St. Helena Island—Saxby Chaplin.

Trinity Church, Columbia—The Rev. Patrick H. Folker, Rector.

Claremont Church—The Rev. William Barlow, Rector.

St. Matthew's Parish—The Rev. Mellish J. Motte, Deacon, Minister.

St. Stephen's Parish, and the Chapels at the Black Oak and the Rocks—The Rev. David I. Campbell, Minister.

The Church at North Santee, Winyaw—Joseph Manigault, Elias Horry.

All-Saints Parish Waccamaw—The Rev. Henry Gibbes, Rector; John H. Tucker,

St. James' Parish, Goose Creek—The Rev. Charles P. Elliot, Rector; Barnard E. Bee.

A Quorum of the Churches being present, the Convention proceeded to the election of a Secretary and Treasurer, for the ensuing year; when the Rev. Dr. Dalcho was re-elected.

The Rules of Order were read in conformity with the 13th Rule.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Taylor, the thanks of the Convention were presented to the Rev. Mr. H. Gibbes, for his appropriate discourse delivered before them this day; and a copy thereof requested for publication in the Gospel Messenger.

On motion, the President appointed the Rev. Peter Van Pelt, Rector of St. Luke's Parish, to preach at the opening of the next Convention; and the Rev. P. H. Folker, Rector of Trinity Church, Columbia, to preach in case of his failure.

On motion, Resolved that the Episcopal Clergy who may be in the City, and not entitled to seats; and the Candidates for Holy Orders, be admitted to the sittings of the Convention.

Conformably to the 45th Canon of the General Convention "providing for an accurate view of the state of the Church," the Bishop delivered the following Address:

My Brethren of the Clergy and of the Laity,

IT is my duty to lay before you, a statement of the transactions and occurrences of the Diocese, for the time intervening between the last and your present meeting in Convention. Permit me now, to proceed to execute this duty.

The utmost extent, to which I have been enabled, consistently with my *particular* pastoral engagements, to carry the personal official attention, required of me by the Canons, to the Churches of the Diocese, embraces the following particulars. St. Paul's Parish, Stono, and St. Thomas' Parish, were visited in March—Prince George Parish, Winyaw, All-Saints, St. David's, Cheraw, St. Mark's, Clarendon, St. Marks, Williamsburg, Claremont Church, Stateburg, Trinity Church, Columbia, and the Chapel at Black Oak, in April; and in December, St. Matthew's Parish, and Pineville Chapel, St. Stephens. Grace Church, Sullivan's Island, also was visited in July. Confirmation was administered in all these places, except St. Thomas' Parish, Trinity Church, Columbia, and Grace Church. The whole number of persons confirmed in them, added to that of those to whom the same rite has been administered within the year, in St. Philip's, St. Paul's, and St. Michael's Churches, and St. Stephen's Chapel, in this city, being 189. Permit me, in passing, urgently to solicit the Clergy, that the utmost personal attention, of which circumstances will possibly admit, may be given to the preparing, according not to the letter only, but the whole spirit of the 21st Canon, for every occasion of confirmation to be administered in their Churches, of which

notice is duly received. Of its pre-eminent importance in the scale of pastoral obligation and usefulness, when duly attended to, no doubt can possibly be entertained. At Claremont Church, a station of our Ministry for many years made peculiarly interesting, by the pious liberality of its congregation, and which had been unoccupied for two years, before its present Minister took the charge of it, it was gratifying to observe a considerably improved state of things—the numbers present at the offices administered in it, being greater than at any former period, and the rite of confirmation being submitted to, by many of various ages and conditions, in a manner, strikingly evincing the efficacy in this important matter, of a more than ordinary pastoral diligence and care.* Zealous and judicious, and, I trust, successful exertions, although by no means unprecedented in the Diocese, have been used here, to make the lowliest of our population, partakers of the benefit of Christian ordinances. It is devoutly to be desired, that encouragement may be derived from such examples, to authorize and aid, the extension of this benevolence, beyond the too narrow limits within which, to many of our brethren, it has seemed expedient that it should be confined. It is my duty to declare my conviction of the Christian obligation, of the admission of this class of people, to Christian worship and instruction: and there is *abundant record and experience of the fact*, that the practical and *intelligibly scriptural* teaching, which as subjects of the ministry of this Church, they *must receive*, has a moral influence on their temper, habits, and whole character, which, in a civil point of view, is of the utmost importance.

The ordinations held within the year, have been only one, in November, in St. Paul's Church, Radcliffeborough, by which Mr. Charles P. Elliott, and Mr. F. H. Rutledge, Deacons, were admitted to Priests' Orders; and another more recently in St. Philip's Church, by which Mr. Edward Phillips, was admitted to the same order of the Ministry. Mr. Rutledge, has been serving the Church on Sullivan's Island—and has accepted the pastoral charge of Christ Church Parish. Mr. Elliott, is Rector of St. James', Goose Creek; and Mr. Phillips continues to serve St. Stephen's Chapel, a place of worship, as you have been before informed, provided, *peculiarly*, for the *poor* of our Communion who could not be otherwise accommodated, in the *honourable and useful* capacity of Domestic Missionary. Candidates for Holy Orders, registered within the year, are Mr. S. A. Cooper, who was transferred from the Eastern Diocese to this, Mr. Hood, received on the certificate of the Standing Committee of Georgia, and Mr. P. Triapier, of this city. The first named, has by an amiable compliance with advice given him to that effect, withdrawn his name from the list of candidates for Orders, (permission being given him to do so) with a view, to the prosecution of another calling, for which he possesses eminent qualifications; and the second, has received on his application for them, letters dimissory to the Diocese of Pennsylvania, whither he has removed. The number of Candidates for Orders, at present belonging to the Diocese, is five. One, viz. Mr. W. P. Coffin, of St. Helena, of whom the fairest hopes had been entertained, has since the last Convention, been removed by death.

* The same circumstances were noted in the preceding year as to the Church in Beaufort; but the mention of them at the Convention, was accidentally omitted.

We owe grateful acknowledgment for the mercy, which has permitted us to close the year, with the number of our acting Clergy undiminished. It has pleased God to take out of this world, the Rev. Robert Symes; and the Rev. Charles B. Snowden, formerly Rector of St. Stephen's Parish. Mr. Snowden had for several years, under the influence of considerations which seemed to him good and sufficient, withdrawn himself from all active connection with the business of the Church, and with all things peculiar to the Ministry—remaining, at the same time, in the estimation of those personally conversant with his character and habits—a deep sense of Christian truth as he had professed and taught it, and a fervent interest in the welfare and honour of the Church. For our Theological Seminary, he indulged a lively concern; and contributed liberally to it, according to his ability.

As none of our acting Clergy have been removed by death—so have none, within the year, ceased for dismission, according to the mode provided by the Canons, from the Diocese. I have *indirectly* learned, that the Rev. Mr. E. Rutledge, has ceased to be a member of it, and become Minister of a Church in Connecticut. If this be so, I cannot but painfully regret the existence of any necessity, by reason of which, the Church is here deprived of the services of one, whom several considerations, of which you are sufficiently aware, without my stating them, combined to render it most peculiarly desirable, that we should retain among us.

Mr. P. T. Keith, who at our last meeting, was serving the Church at North Santee, has been appointed Assistant Minister of Prince George, Winyaw, and is now serving that Parish, in such capacity; and more recently, the Rev. Mr. Wilson has ceased to officiate as Minister of St. Paul's Parish, Stono; regular official notice having been conveyed to me of the vacancy thus made.

By arrangements of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity, I have been enabled to engage the services of several of our younger Clergy, in a way which I trust has been as effective of the purpose of that excellent institution; *the Advancement of Christianity in the State*, on the principles of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States, as it has been honourable to them.

The Rev. Mr. Thomas, has acted as Missionary of this Society, at Fairfield and Greenville Court Houses. At the first mentioned place, a very few persons professing attachment to our Communion, gave generous evidence of their solicitude for its settlement among them—and at the last, whither many families of our Church resort, from various places during the summer, the services of Mr. Thomas, have been attended with so much success, as to have led to the adoption of measures, for the erection of a suitable building for the uses of our peculiar worship. A lot having been given for the purpose, by Mr. Deane, of North-Carolina;— exertions were made to collect by subscription, at Greenville and in this city, the sum necessary for the accomplishment of this pious purpose; and it is understood that some individual inhabitants of Greenville, have, as well by their liberal example, as personally active zeal, contributed much to put it forward. I have been informed, that the building is in progress, and will be so far advanced towards its completion by the

spring, as to admit that Divine Service should then be held in it. I cannot forbear to recommend this excellent work, to the notice and encouragement of my brethren generally, of the Diocess—nor can I, in connection with it, forbear to mention the claims, which the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina, in whose measures, it originated, has to the respect and patronage of all friends of the Church, and of Society. The best interests of both are, manifestly, from year to year, most happily served by its operations; and to be indifferent to any neglect of its demands, on the part of the members of our Church, were, on *my part*, a fault, for which, I should feel myself subject to your reasonable censure.

The Rev. Mr. Neufville, has also served under the same arrangements of this Society; and has been endeavouring to bring up, from its long continued state of disorganization, the Parish of Prince Williams. A contract was made in the spring of the last year, to rebuild the once large and handsome Church in that Parish, known by the name of Sheldon Church, which unhappily failed of execution, by the death of the principal workmen. The design has not, however, been abandoned; a new contract has recently been made, and we are not discouraged from hoping that Prince William's Parish, will, by the exertions of the few zealous members of our communion, who inhabit it, be, ere long, happily replaced among the stations, from which the *salvation of the Lord shall go forth as brightness*.

St Matthew's Parish and St. James'. Goose Creek, have both, within the year, received Ministers, who had been requested to visit them as temporary Missionaries, to a stated connection with them; the Rev. Mr. Motte, having by arrangements, implying the generous effort of a few, become the Minister of the first, with a happy prospect of usefulness; and the Rev. Mr. Elliott, of the other. Mr. Motte, by the continuance of his ministrations among the people of the Parish, during the summer months, of which, circumstances, in his case, happily admit, cannot but have opportunities of making them efficacious, which, otherwise, are too little enjoyed. To this continued exercise of the pastoral duties of our Ministry, in the stations of our Church in the country, too much importance cannot be made, in our estimation, to attach. The want of it, is unavoidably attended with a most serious interruption of the influence, however good, with which, in any case, the Ministry may be accompanied. The opinion which I take occasion to express, is, that wherever the people provide for their residence near their plantations, during the summer, in more healthy places, it is desirable that suitable provision be made for the residence of the Minister among them; and that wherever provision is so made, it is the duty of the Minister to avail himself of it. It has been gratifying to notice the successful attention given by Mr. Motte, to the means of diffusing useful knowledge and literature, among those composing his charge, in the institution of a Parish Library, into which he is with the liberal aid of the Parishioners, collecting books of variously useful information. Libraries of this description, embracing in a suitable proportion, provision for the encouragement of all to seek sound religious knowledge and intelligence, are found in other places similarly circumstanced, in the Diocess; and, in all, may afford occasion

of an honourably useful intellectual influence of the Ministry. The Rev. Mr. Philip Gadsden, who has also within the year, acted as a temporary Missionary of the Society, at Williamsburg, has accepted an appointment, to serve the Church at North Santee, as its Minister.

I have finished the statement required—and will detain you further with but a few things which occur, as suitable on this occasion, to be mentioned. The subject presenting itself most immediately to my thoughts, next to our peculiar Diocesan business, is that of our General Theological Seminary. To many of you, it is a subject of lively interest. I most earnestly wish that it were so, to every member of our Church. I am warranted in reporting to you, that it is progressively useful and honourable. The following is the testimony of one of its best and most constant Lay-friends, conveyed in August last by letter; and it is well calculated to animate and encourage us to the most determined and unwearied adherence to an object already regarded among us with so much interest. “We have witnessed at the commencement of our Seminary, such evidence of the usefulness of the institution, in the exercises of the graduates, as could not but have excited the most gratifying emotions, in the bosom of every one who had lent a helping hand to its establishment, could he have been present at them. Yesterday the corner stone of our building was laid by the venerable Bishop White, in the ground given by Mr. Moore, and we have the confident hope, that in another year, we shall have a local habitation, as well as a name, to awaken the generous feelings of those who take any interest in the prosperity and commanding respectability of our Church.”

On the subject of Education, I must again beg you to be patient with me—while I again express the apprehension, unpopular as it may be, that the members of our Church are comparatively too little concerned, that their Children should not be alienated by influences growing out of it, from their own religious principles and habits. A bigotted tenacity as to the religious faith and worship of their fathers, is not that with which I would wish to see the minds of our youth imbued; but the rational and candid estimate, on which our own preference of our peculiar principles and modes rests, should certainly carry with it a concern, that the generations following us, should walk in the same old paths; and steadily pursue, by the same light of primitive Apostolic truth, which we have followed, the high interest of their moral nature. As yet we have not Colleges secured to us by charter, as places of education for our youth, under influences at least not adverse to our principles, whose reputation vies with the older and more respectable institutions of learning, so early erected for the fortifying and perpetuating of peculiar religious denominations; but awakening to an interest so vitally important—our brethren, in some of the Northern Diocesses, have effected a beginning, which we cannot but regard with a feeling of grateful anticipation. At the College of Geneva, in New-York, and at that of Hartford, in Connecticut, education may be expected to be conducted under auspices corresponding with our reasonable predilections; and as the literary reputation of these institutions increases, Episcopalians of this State, who from any causes must have the education of their sons conducted at a greater distance from them, than at Colleges within it, where they are still within the sphere of

domestic intercourse and influence, may be expected to avail themselves of their advantages. They will, we may trust, be an asylum for the young of our Church, exposed to every possible variety of perversion, and tempted continually to the rejection of all the claims of religion upon their understanding and affections. because it presents itself in every aspect, but that in which it had been early seen and loved; and whose impression it yet is scarcely allowed them, *ostensibly* to wear, without offence.

Let me be permitted to avail myself of this occasion, to bring under your attention the subject of the religious periodical work, which it has seemed expedient to institute in this city. I have an increased conviction of the necessity of such a work well conducted, and such I believe the Gospel Messenger has been, to the interest of our Church. Sound and correct religious intelligence ought to be conveyed by us to our people, instead of abandoning them to the necessity of receiving, whatever, the reverse of that which must to us bear the character of sound and useful religious intelligence, other denominations may by their better supported works of this description, convey to their attention. Let me solicit for the Gospel Messenger your patronage; its publisher has found his expense in conducting it, not defrayed, and must abandon it at once, without other support than is at present pledged to it.

My Brethren of the Clergy, in an affectionate sympathy with whom in all their cares and difficulties, I cannot be supposed to be wanting, will permit me once more to express the solicitude I feel, that they should not be unmindful of the obligation, of labouring that *the rich and the poor may meet together* in their Churches. The humbler description of the white inhabitants of our Country Parishes, are yet in too few instances, members of our congregations. At the original settlement of these Parishes, they all were. I need not state to you why we should desire them still to be so. To their spiritual interest, you cannot be indifferent. To the more obvious considerations demanding for them your pastoral care and attention, let me beg you to admit this in addition; that, as to them is often committed, so large an interest of humanity, as the government and care, during a great part of the year, of the plantations, nothing can be to us, as Ministers of Christ's religion. more reasonably an object of concern, than that their characters, may be formed upon its plan, and their temper and conduct ruled by its spirit. Proprietors will never apprehend, that their estates will be the worse superintended for being committed to men professing themselves Christians, under the auspices of our Ministry; and the gratitude and blessing of all whom your duty in this respect may concern, may be expected to fill you with the comfortable hope of a better reward, from him, with whom alone is the due estimate of the fidelity of your stewardship. Of the difficulties which obstruct to you the way of this species of duty, I am by no means unaware—I know their serious reality. Yet I am not prepared to admit, that they are such as should divert us from it, before zeal and energy applied with due perseverance to them, have proved them to be absolutely insurmountable.

Of the Laity, let me once more intreat, that their attention to the interests of their Churches, may not be relaxed. The due support of their

offices is, I know, in many places, attended with no little difficulty ; but I know their value and importance, and am still persuaded, that no Christian mind can consent to their abandonment, without a deeply painful sense of the necessity, or a sense, as painful, of violated obligation. Of the liberality which in some places is exercised for their maintenance, I feel that nothing which I could here express, would be adequate or even acceptable commendation. Of the indifference to the same object, which is sometimes indulged, even where exertion implying little or no expense, is all that is demanded, who of us can think without pain and sorrow ?

Brethren, the business of *the house of the God of your fathers, and the offices thereof*, awaits you. That his spirit may be among you, and remain with you during its transaction, is my fervent prayer.

NATHANIEL BOWEN.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Gadsden, the Clergy of the several Churches were requested to read the Bishop's Address to their respective Congregations for general information.*

The Rev. Dr. Gadsden, President of the Standing Committee, made the following Report :

The President of the Standing Committee presents, for the information of the Convention, the following Abstract of their proceedings during the past year :

In compliance with a Resolution of the last Convention, the Standing Committee addressed letters to the Ministers and Vestries of the several Parishes and Churches in which Sermons and Collections had not been previously made in behalf of the General Theological Seminary, recommending the subject to their attention.

In the discharge of their Canonical duties, they have recommended to the Bishop the Rev. Francis H. Rutledge, Charles P. Elliott and Edward Phillips, Deacons, to be admitted to the Holy Order of Priests : and Mr. Paul Trapier to be received as a Candidate for Holy Orders.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Dalcho, the President appointed the following Gentlemen the Standing Committee for the ensuing year :

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| The Rev. Christopher E. Gadsden, D. D. | David Alexander, |
| The Rev. Paul T. Gervais, | Keating Simons, |
| The Rev. Frederick Dalcho, M. D. | Robert J. Turnbull, |
| The Rev. Allston Gibbes, | Thomas Lowndes, |
| The Rev. Christian Hanckell, | Samuel Wragg. |

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Gadsden, *Resolved*, that the President do appoint the usual Committee on the General Theological Seminary. Whereupon, the President appointed the following Gentlemen accordingly : The Rev. Dr. Gadsden, the Rev. Mr. Barlow, the Hon. Mr. Prioleau, Mr. Lowndes and Mr. Horry.

On motion, the Convention adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past 10 o'clock.

* This Resolution contained a vote of thanks to the Bishop for his Address, which was stricken out by consent of the mover, on the suggestion of the Bishop.

Thursday, January 26th, 1826.

The Convention met according to adjournment. Morning Service was performed by the Rev. Francis H. Rutledge, Rector of Christ Church Parish.

The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The following Lay-Delegates, whose certificates of appointment were, yesterday, read and approved, appeared and took their seats; viz. David Alexander, Edward Brailsford, M. D. Daniel Ravenel, from St. Michael's Parish; Col. Henry H. Bacot, John Gadsden, from St. Philip's Parish; Major Samuel Wragg, and Lawrence E. Dawson, from St. Paul's Church, Radcliffeborough.

The following Lay-Delegates attended and presented certificates of their appointment, which, being severally read and approved, they took their seats accordingly; viz. William Heyward, from St. Luke's Parish; Whitemarsh B. Seabrook, from Trinity Church, Edisto, and St. Stephen's, Edingsville; and Dr. Thomas Waties from Claremont.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Gadsden, *Resolved*, that the Secretary be requested to procure at the expense of this Convention, all the copies remaining at the Bookstores, of the Bishop's Pastoral Letter recently published, and to furnish each member of this Convention with a copy, and to distribute any that may remain, among the different congregations in the Diocese.

Mr. William H. Gibbes, who was appointed at the last Convention [See Journal 1825, p. 25] Chairman of a Committee of Parochial Agents for procuring subscriptions to institute a Scholarship in the General Theological Seminary, to be called the "*Bishop Bowen Scholarship*," reported as the particular Agent for St. Michael's Parish, that he had obtained money and subscriptions to the amount of \$200; and expresses the hope that he will obtain \$800 or \$1000; circumstances having prevented his entering upon the Agency, until but recently.

Mr. Thomas Grimke, the Agent for St. Philip's Parish, reported, that his collections and subscriptions amount to \$915; of which, the sum of \$650, has been paid to the Treasurer of the Convention.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Prioleau, the thanks of the Convention were presented to Mr. Gibbes and Mr. Grimke, for their services in procuring subscriptions to the "*Bishop Bowen Scholarship*;" and the same Committee as last year were requested to continue their exertions to complete the object of their appointment. The Committee are as follows:

St. Michael's Parish—William H. Gibbes, *Chairman*,
 St. Philip's Parish—Thomas S. Grimke,
 St. Paul's Church Radcliffeborough—Edward H. Purcell,
 Prince George's Parish, Winyaw—Col. John Porter,
 All-Saints Parish, Waccamaw—John H. Tucker,
 St. John's Parish, Colleton—Rev. Mr. Taylor,
 St. Paul's Parish—William Washington,*
 St. Luke's Parish—William Heyward,

* Mr. Washington was appointed in the room of the Rev. Mr. Wilson, who has left St. Paul's Parish.

St. Helena Island—Dr. C. W. Capers,
 Claremont—Dr. W. W. Anderson,
 St. Stephen's Parish—Rev. Mr. Campbell,
 St. Thomas' Parish and St. Dennis—Hon. Alfred Huger,
 St. James' Parish, Santee—C. C. Pinckney,
 North Santee, Winyaw—Elias Horry,
 St. James' Parish, Goose Creek—Barnard E. Bee.
 St. Paul's Church, Pendleton—Lewis Gibbs,
 St. Helena Parish, Beaufort—Edward Barnwell,
 St. John's Parish, Berkley—Keating Simons,*
 Christ Church Parish—Dr. P. Weston,
 St. Bartholomew's Parish—Jacob Warley,
 Edisto Island—Rev. Mr. Osborne,
 Columbia—Wade Hampton, jun.
 St. Matthew's Parish—Col. Edward Richardson,
 St. Mark's Parish, Clarendon—Matthew James,
 St. Mark's Parish, Williamsburg—Mr. Frierson,
 Sullivan's Island—Hon. Judge Huger,
 St. Andrew's Parish—Arthur Middleton,
 Cheraw—Mr. Harrington,
 Prince William's Parish—Hon. Judge Colcock.

The Rev. Dr. Gadsden, from the Committee on the General Theological Seminary, made the following Report :

In conformity to the usage of this Diocese, the Committee on the Theological Seminary, present to the view of the Convention an abstract of the events of the past year, connected with this object of common and long cherished solicitude and care :

The Annual examination of the Students in the Seminary was held in July, in the presence of several of the Bishops and a large number of the Clergy and Laity. Three of the Lay-Trustees† of this Diocese attended on the occasion, and at the annual meeting of the Board held in the same week. Testimonials were given to those who had completed the course of Theological Study, and they delivered appropriate dissertations. They and the Students in general were then addressed by the Bishop of the Diocese of Maryland. On the 28th July, the corner stone of the building intended for the Seminary was laid on the lot, in the environs of the City of New-York, generously given for that purpose by Clement C. Moore, Esq. Among the proceedings of the Board of Trustees we remark, that the session of the Seminary will commence earlier in the autumn, and close earlier in the summer, by a month than formerly, an arrangement which will be particularly accommodating to the Students from the South ; that Mr. Whittingham, who had honorably completed his course of studies, was admitted "to the academic privileges of a fellow of the institution ;" and that the New-York Society for the advancement of religion and learning have put at the disposal of the faculty, five hundred dollars for "the purchase of elementary books, and others in frequent use in the Seminary." Mr. Pintard, to whose zeal and liberality the institution, from the beginning, has been indebted, has also recently presented it with many valuable books.

* Mr. Keating Simons was appointed in place of Mr. Isaac Ball, deceased.

† Hon. D. E. Huger, William Heyward, Esq. and the late William Clarkson Esq.

The interests of the General Theological Seminary, have been brought to the view of the people in this Parish, and measures are taken to obtain the contributions of their liberality towards the aid of its funds.

THOMAS H. TAYLOR, Minister.

Christ Church Parish.

Baptisms, 10; of which 5 were among the Coloured people of the Congregation

Communicants; White persons, 10, Coloured, 26. Total 36.

In making this annual communication required by the Canon, the Rector takes pleasure in representing the prospects of this portion of the Church, as more flattering than they have been for several years; as may be seen by reference to previous reports, entered on the journals of the Convention. The number of white people who worship at Christ Church, (some of whom belong to other denominations of Christians,) varies from 30 to 40. The coloured people may be estimated at about the same. For the last mentioned, a second service has been instituted, and a course of instruction adopted, peculiarly adapted to persons in that condition of life. A *third service* is occasionally held at the Village of Mount Pleasant, where a small, but respectable audience attend. It is much to be regretted, that several families professedly attached to our Communion, and residents of the Parish, are debarred regularly attending upon the ordinances of the Church, by reason of their distance from it, and who, consequently, contribute to, and frequent places of worship of other denominations. It may be gratifying to the friends of the Church to learn, and not unseasonable here to state, that a Parish Society, auxiliary to the Protestant Episcopal Society for the Advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina, has been recently organized, and the views of that association cordially entered into, connected with which, is a Parish Library, consisting at present of about sixty volumes

No collection has been made in behalf of the General Theological Seminary; the adoption of such a measure having been deemed inexpedient.

F. H. RUTLEDGE, Rector.

St. Bartholomew's Parish.

In conformity to the Canon of the Convention of 1825, I beg leave respectfully to submit to you, the following report, from February 7th of 1825, to this date.

Baptisms; White, 8, Coloured 3. Total, 11.

Burials, 10.

Marriages, 3.

Communicants; White, 26, Coloured, 29.

The places where I have held Divine Service, are as follows:

At Pon Pon, every other Sunday, once a day, from November to the 1st of June.

At Ashepoo, on the alternate Sunday, once a day, from November to the 1st of June.

At Walterborough, twice every Sunday, and a Lecture on every Wednesday, from the 1st of June to the 1st of November.

At Pon Pon, the Congregation is always a mixed one of different denominations, and from its general distance, but few Children attend, none attend with any regularity, therefore, I cannot say, with certainty, how many there are, or of what ages.

At Ashepoo, the same irregularity and uncertainty exist, many attending that are of other denominations, and often unknown to me.

At Walterborough, our Church being the only place of worship that was open last season, it was consequently attended by all denominations of that place; from the frequent changes of a summer settlement, the members and persons are continually varying, although there were about fifty families, and about 300 individuals, the greater part of whom were regular attendants on our worship, and generally upwards of thirty Communicants, yet most probably, many would separate under different circumstances, therefore, my report can hardly give a correct information. To the best of my belief, the number of Episcopalians in this Parish may be estimated at about 55 Families, and about 240 individuals.

At Walterborough, I had a Sunday School of 34 Children, three Teachers, ladies; the boys I attended myself, they were all catechised every Sunday, from June to November, with but one or two exceptions, they learned also, the larger explanation of the Catechism, and the younger, the Familiar Instructions, with Hymns and passages in the Bible and Testament; the expense of tickets and rewards have been entirely borne by me.

Our prospects in this Church are by the blessing of God considerably brighter, in the increasing attention and devotion manifested by its members to its services, as well as by the increased zeal and liberality shown for its temporal concerns. A contract has been made for building a house of worship at Walterborough for our service, which has hitherto been confined to a room of a dwelling house. The building is to be completed by the 1st of May next. The greater part of the seats are already engaged.

F. P. DELAUAUX, Rector.

St. Luke's Parish.

Baptisms; 2 Adults, 5 Infants.

Burial, 1.

Communicants at the beginning of the last year, 30. Withdrawn, 4. Added, 4.

Number of Episcopal Families, 35. White Adults belonging to the Church, 75, Coloured do. 7. Generally attending Divine Service, 116, Coloured do. 60. White Children belonging to the Church, 67. Generally attending, 25. Catechumens, 17.

There is no Sunday School at present in the Parish; measures, however, will be taken to establish one, if practicable.

Divine Service is held alternately from the first Sunday in November, to the last in May, at St. Lukes and Grahamville, in the morning only. During the remainder of the year, it is confined exclusively to the latter

place, and is performed twice every Sabbath, and occasionally during the week.

P. VAN PELT, Rector.

Trinity Church, Edisto, and St. Stephen's, Edingsville.

Number of Families, 25.

Individuals, 154.

Baptisms; Adults, 4, Children, 10. Total, 14.

Marriages, 4.

Deaths, 4.

Communicants, 45; 34 Whites, 11 Blacks.

During the winter season, Divine Service has been regularly performed in Trinity Church on Edisto, once every Sunday, and twice in St. Stephen's, in Edingsville, during the summer, where catechetical instruction has also been punctually communicated to the Children of the Congregation throughout the season.

Agreeably to the Canon of 1822, a Sermon has likewise been preached on the Nature and Duties of the Episcopal Office, and a collection made in aid of the "Bishop's Common Fund."

T. OSBORNE, Rector.

St. Helena Church, St. Helena Island.

Baptisms, 3.

Burials, 2.

Communicants, 17. Three having been added the last year.

Families about 22 or 23.

PHILIP MATHEWS, Rector.

Trinity Church, Columbia.

Baptisms, 7.

Burials, 4.

Marriages, 5.

Communicants, 37.

Families, 45. Four having been added since the last report.

These families are composed of 253 persons, exclusively of a large proportion of young ladies and gentlemen, connected with the Female Academies, and the South-Carolina College, who regularly attend the services of the Church.

The Sunday School consists of about 50 Children.

No Sermon was preached on the subject of the Theological Seminary, it being deemed inexpedient at present to comply with the request of the Convention: but it is contemplated to establish, as early as possible, in the course of the present year, a Society on the plan of the "Claremont Theological Scholarship Society."

P. H. FOLKER, Rector.

Claremont.

Baptisms; White Infants, 2, Coloured, 29, Adults, coloured, 10.—
 Total, 50
 Marriages, 2.
 Burials, 7.
 Communicants; White, 31, Coloured, 27. Total, 58.
 Families, 29.
 Infants, and Children under 14 years of age, 50.
 Catechumens, 12.

An assessment has been laid upon the pews, to raise the amount required of this Church, for the Bishop's Common Fund, and the expenses of the Convention, \$25. To aid the funds of the General Theological Seminary, a Society has been formed, entitled "*The Claremont Theological Scholarship Society*." Subscriptions to this object, for the current year, amount to \$110, and are increasing. An attempt has been made to establish a Sunday School; but as most of the families of the Congregation, reside at a considerable distance from the Church, and other great inconveniencies attended it, the effort was unsuccessful.

W. BARLOW, Rector.

St. Matthew's Parish.

Since May, 1825, when the present Minister took charge of the Church, there have been—

Baptisms, 8.
 Marriage, 1.
 Burials, 3.
 Communicants, 10.
 Families belonging to the Church, 10.
 Individuals over 14 years of age, 27; Children under 14, 25. Total, 52.
 One place of worship for the winter, and another for the summer.
 Service performed once each Sunday during the winter, and twice in summer.

No coloured people attend the Church for want of seats; a gallery is now preparing for their accommodation.

No Sermon has been preached for the Episcopal Fund, nor for the Seminary.

No Sunday School. No Children as yet catechised at the Church.

M. J. MORRE, Minister.

St. Mark's, Parish, Clarendon.

The Rector of this Church, is happy that he is able to report rather favourably than otherwise of the state of the Congregation. Whilst truth compels him to mention the disaffection of one or two members, who never were warmly attached to the interests of our Church.—yet, he can truly say, there is an increasing attention, in all the rest, to religious things, and to the temporal prosperity of the Church. The Con-

gregation consists of 13 or 14 families, and from 50 to 60 individuals, young and old.

Two Marriages within the last year. No Baptisms, and three Deaths. Catechumens, 12. Most of the time, however, but half of this number attended. We commenced catechetical instruction, the last year, in April, and continued to November. The difficulty in getting a sufficient number of Children (and particularly of the poor) to attend regularly, obliged us to discontinue the Sunday School, the last summer. Nevertheless, those Children that attended, had the catechism explained to them, and were also required to commit the Collect for the day, to memory. There are about 30 Children under 14 years of age. The number of Communicants, is 10, of whom two are coloured persons—one of the latter, was added within the last year. Mr. Charles Richardson, the Chairman of the Vestry, has lately presented the Church, with a handsome silver Chalice, for the Communion. I take pleasure, also, in reporting to the Convention, that the Vestry contemplate erecting a new Church, at our summer retreat.

I mentioned in the last year's report, that the Vestry had determined to meet, as far as was in their power, their assessment for the object contemplated by the Convention in creating what is called the "Bishop's Common Fund."

J. W. CHANLER, Rector.

St. Stephen's Parish, and the Chapels at the Black Oak, and the Rocks.

One Sunday in three at each for seven months, and at Pineville alone for five months.

Baptisms, 15.

Marriages, 5.

Burials, 11 up to the 1st January, 1826, 3 since that date. Total, 14.

Communicants, 47 white persons, and 9 of colour; of the former two have died and one has been added. Of the latter seven have been added.

Families, 48; of these, 39 are constant residents, 9 only half the year. Individuals, 227; 37 half the year.

I have not yet ascertained the number of Children under 14 years of age.

Families of the poor attending occasionally, about 12. Individuals, 37. Communicants, 8 One has died, and two have been added.

The duties of the Sunday School were resumed in June, and suspended since November. It is declining. It has two Teachers, females of the Congregation, and 12 Scholars. The subjects of instruction are those in the "Familiar and Easy Mode" of catechising, preparatory to the common catechism of the Church.

D. I. CAMPBELL, Minister.

All-Saints Parish, Waccamaw.

Marriage, 1.

Deaths, 2.

Communicants, 14.

There are, in this Parish, two Churches at which Divine Service is performed in regular rotation. The number of families, at present, is 26, two of which, also, worship, during a portion of the year, at St. Michael's Church, Charleston, one at St. Paul's Church, Charleston, and one at Greenville. These consist of 47 Adults, and 25 Children under 14 years of age, making in all 72 souls.

H. GIBBES, Rector.

St. James' Parish, Goose Creek.

The number of families who compose this Congregation, is about 7 or 8, and most of these are connected with other congregations either in the city or elsewhere.

The number of White persons who usually attend service, is from 17 to 20, and the number of coloured between 20 and 30.

The number of Communicants, is 4 or 5. No Sunday School is attached to the Church. No Baptisms, Burials, or Marriages to be reported. During the last season, Divine Service was performed regularly every other Sunday, since the commencement of the present, service has been performed weekly.

C. P. ELLIOTT, Rector.

Grace Church, Sullivan's Island

Baptism, 1.

Marriages, 2.

Communicants, 18.

The number of Families attached to the Episcopal Church, and residents of the Island last summer, may be estimated at 28. Most of whom belong also, to the Congregations in the city.

F. H. RUTLEDGE, Minister.

St. David's Parish, Cheraw.

In making my report, I find it extremely difficult in a mixed state of society like ours. to state accurately how many families and individuals are Episcopalians; as a large portion of our congregation is made up of persons who were, originally at least, of other denominations, and though they are now regular in their attendance and apparently interested in the services and success of the Church, yet I apprehend, that not much confidence can be placed in the constant support of many of them. The following number of families, however. I consider, as confirmed Episcopalians, besides a number of individuals; single persons and members of other families.

Number of Families, 16.

Commucicants, 10.

Baptisms, 6.

Funerals, 3.

Marriages, 2.

The amount apportioned by the Convention to this Church, towards the Bishop's Common Fund, was assumed by the Vestry, and is here enclosed.

The Vestry, with the assistance of the friends of the Church, have procured an excellent bell from the North ; and arrangements were made for extensive repairs and improvements of the Church edifice, but circumstances beyond the control of the Vestry, have occasioned a delay, though, we trust, that they will be effected early in the present year

G. W. HATHAWAY, Minister.

Prince William's Parish.

It is with infinite satisfaction, and with devout thankfulness to the Giver of all good, that it becomes my duty to inform you, of the flattering prospects of the state of the Church in this Parish. By the exertions of several individuals, whose zeal is worthy of commendation, arrangements have been made for repairing the ruins of Sheldon Church, and the work is in actual progress. The roof was raised on Saturday the 21st inst. and the building sufficiently advanced, to admit of holding Divine Service therein, about the middle of February, although the contractor does not expect to finish it before the 1st of April. Our funds are inadequate, as yet, to the necessary expenditure, but it is hoped, that the liberality of our brethren, in other parts of the Diocese, will supply the deficiency. The demands on the Congregation, have already been so great, that it has been deemed expedient, to defer making any collection for the general objects proposed by the Convention.

Since the last meeting of that body, the Communion has been administered once, to twelve persons ; and I have baptised two infants. Divine Service has been held twice at M'Phersonville, in the upper part of Parish; and once at Lady's Island. The Congregation, at each of these places is small. Of course my services have been almost exclusively bestowed where they were most needed, on the lower part of the Parish, which is much more thickly settled, and presents a greater field of usefulness.

E. NEUFVILLE, Missionary.

St. Stephen's Chapel, Charleston.

Baptisms, 20 White, and 4 coloured persons.

Burials, 7 White, and 2 coloured.

Marriages, 14 White, and 4 coloured persons.

Communicants, 30.

Divine Service is held at the Chapel twice on every Lord's Day, and on every Thursday afternoon, at which time a lecture is read. The number of worshippers who properly belong to the Chapel, is not exactly known. The Sunday School attached to it consists of 30 Children, a Superintendent and 6 Teachers, and is subject to the regulations prescribed for the government of the Sunday Schools of the Episcopal Churches in the City. The erection of its building and the present prosperous condition of the Institution, afford a pleasing instance of the success of benevolent enterprises fostered by the Church of South-Carolina.

E. PHILLIPS, Domestic Missionary.

On motion, the President appointed the following gentlemen Delegates to represent the Church in this Diocese, in the next General Convention :

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| The Rev. Christopher E. Gadsden, D. D. | William Heyward, |
| The Rev. Allston Gibbes, | Hon. William Drayton, |
| The Rev. William Barlow, | Elias Horry, |
| The Rev. Paul T. Gervais, | Francis M. Weston. |

The Rev. Dr. Gadsden called up for consideration, the amendment of the 4th Article of the Constitution, proposed to the last Convention and referred. [*See Journal 1825, p. 30.*] The Article being further amended, was unanimously agreed to. The fourth Article of the Constitution, so amended, is as follows :

Every Missionary of the Protestant Episcopal Church, employed in this Diocese with the approbation of the Ecclesiastical authority of the same, and every duly recognized Minister of this Church, engaged in any College, or incorporated Academy, in this Diocese, shall be entitled to all the privileges of a member of the Convention, with the exception of the right to vote.

On motion of Mr. Turnbull, the first Canon was so amended, as to read as follows :

CANON I.

On making Collections for the Bishop's Fund.

Every Minister having a Parochial charge in this Diocese, or his assistant, shall, from time to time, at his discretion, preach, in every Church under his care, a Sermon on the nature and duties of the Episcopal Office ; and the Vestry of each Church are requested, annually, to make a collection in aid of the Bishop's Common Fund ; or, in lieu of such collection, the Minister and Vestry of such Church may substitute an annual contribution.

The annual Report of the *Protestant Episcopal Society for the Advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina* was read, and is as follows :

The Board of Trustees of the *Protestant Episcopal Society for the Advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina*, submit their Treasurer's accounts of the Bishop's Permanent and Common Funds—

The Receipts, on account of the *Permanent Fund*, during the past year, have been confined to the interest and dividends on its stock ; three-fourths of which have been transferred, as usual, to the credit of the *Common Fund*, under the resolution of Convention of February, 1818

The purchases of stock for the Permanent Fund, since the last sitting of the Convention, amount to \$525 30 ; a larger sum, however, than the proportion of the income to which the Common Fund was entitled, authorised us to invest. In consequence of which, the Treasurer's account for the Permanent Fund, exhibits a balance against the fund of \$152 58½.—The capital of the Permanent Fund, *estimated at its cost*, now amounts to \$9,180 30. All which will appear on the Treasurer's books (folio 12) which are laid on the table for the inspection of the Convention.

We remark, with regret, connected with the recollection of the small returns from the Collectors during the year, that there is an excess of the expenditures above the income. It amounts to the sum of \$281 31 cts. But any deficiency, however small, is alarming. And when we advert to the fact that some of the Professors receive no salary, and that no one of them receives a salary proportionate to his services and station, we cannot but indulge the apprehension, that the day may come when the resources of the Seminary will be inadequate to its maintenance even on the present limited system. The amount subscribed for the building is also altogether disproportionate to the importance of the object, the wealth of the Episcopal Community, and their accustomed liberality. The Trustees can at present attempt no more than the erection of a single wing of the contemplated edifice. The session was opened in November in the usual manner.

The Professor of Oriental and Greek literature, on that occasion reflected honor on the Seminary by a lecture which has been published and which, in a brief compass contains much learned investigation and profound thought; admirably elucidated, on the "origin and nature of the Hebrew language; the most remarkable features of the prose and poetry of the Hebrew Scriptures; the objections urged against the study of this ancient volume, and the method of instruction in this language, which it had been deemed best to adopt in the Seminary. It is impossible to read this lecture without being deeply impressed with a sense of the valuable influence which, under the divine blessing, this institution is destined to exert on the interests, not of learning merely but, of our Church and religion in general. The number of students at the Seminary is stated to be 25, of whom two are from this Diocese.

We have been informed that the Committee on the Scholarship, which it was determined by the last Convention to institute, bearing the name of our Diocesan, have prosecuted the purpose with a degree of success, that the amount subscribed is \$1115 of which \$650 have been paid. The whole sum necessary for the endowment will we trust be collected in the current year.

Your Committee have read, with much satisfaction, the constitution of the "Claremont Theological Scholarship Society," and "the Address delivered at the formation" of the same. There are two articles of the constitution which are deemed particularly judicious; the one "that the moneys collected shall be annually transmitted to the Treasurer of the General Theological Seminary," thus securing them to that institution, even should circumstances prevent the obtaining of the whole amount required to found the Scholarship. The other, that the proceeds of the Scholarship, whenever there shall be no authorized claimant for them, shall be applicable to the general purposes of the Seminary. As the constitution of the Claremont Society, and the accompanying able exposition of it have been printed, it is only necessary to refer to it. It will be recollected, that the respected faculty of the Seminary, in the annual report of 1824, suggested "the great benefit which would accrue, if the larger and more wealthy Congregations were to support one student annually at the Seminary." It is the merit of the Claremont Society, to have pointed out a method, whereby all the Congregations, and not the

larger only, may be enabled to fulfil permanently this suggestion of enlightened charity.

In conclusion, your Committee respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

I That the Candidates for Holy Orders be, and are hereby advised to pursue their studies at the Seminary; and it is recommended to the pious and liberal to assist, with a loan or otherwise, those Candidates, whose circumstances might prevent their compliance with this advice.

II. That the thanks of the Convention be given to those gentlemen, who have been active in procuring subscribers, and to those who have generously contributed towards the endowment of "*the Bishop Bowen Scholarship*;" and that the Committee who were appointed on this subject, be requested to continue their efforts for the promotion of the object, and the Bishop is respectfully requested to fill up such vacancies in the Committee as may occur.

III. That a copy or copies of the Address to, and Constitution of the Claremont Society, be forwarded, under the direction of the Standing Committee, to each Congregation in this Diocese, and also, to each of the Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, and that the attention of the latter be particularly invited to the suggestions made in pages 10 and 12, on Scholarship* and Professorship Societies, and that for these purposes, a sufficient number of copies be procured at the expense of the Convention.

* *Extract from page 10 of the Address at the formation of the Claremont Society.*

"Less, it is true, might be collected by this Society in one year, than might be obtained by an active agent of the General Seminary; this application, however, could not be often repeated; while that of the Society will recur annually, and never be unwelcome. Were this plan generally adopted, the benefit would be immense. In those Dioceses which will yield their undivided support to this Institution, there are, it is believed, at least one hundred Congregations, as able as our own, to form a Scholarship in it, and to pay annually, an average amount of from one to two hundred dollars. Could they be induced to engage in similar undertakings, the result would be, the annual income of from ten to twenty thousand dollars, and the final addition to the funds of the Institution, of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars. This result would be produced without burdening a single individual of our community. Whereas the system of agency collections, would not produce one-half that annual amount *****. Were the Trustees of the General Seminary to recommend its adoption; and still more certainly, were they to provide for carrying it into effect, by the appointment of two or three agents to travel through the Dioceses, and form Parochial Societies, &c. a very few years would exhibit the interesting spectacle of perhaps an hundred Congregations, moving by a simultaneous effort, to the accomplishment of this great object."

Extract from page 12 of the Address

"The execution of this plan will not preclude the success of any other which may be devised to endow Professorships. Besides the full execution of this plan of Parish Associations, there might be found in our whole community, fifteen hundred or two thousand persons, both able and willing to subscribe respectively, ten or twelve dollars a year, to the erection of Professorships. Should the Trustees deem it expedient to prosecute the system of Agency Collections, the formation of any number of Scholarship Societies, would oppose no obstacle to its success. Should they prefer a mode which experience has proved to be more efficient, and undertake the endowment of two or three Professorships, by the formation of as many large Associations, including several Dioceses in each, there would not, we trust, be wanting subscribers among persons of wealth and decent competency, &c. &c."

IV. That a Sermon be delivered within the year, before each Congregation of the Diocess, setting forth the considerations in favor of our General Theological Seminary, and the obligation of extending to it a general and liberal patronage, and they take the liberty of expressing the hope, that the plan of Parish Associations for the formation of Scholarships, will be generally approved and adopted.

On motion, the Report was accepted; and the sense of the Convention being taken on each Resolution, separately, they were severally agreed to.

On motion of the Rev. Allston Gibbes, the following Resolutions were agreed to:

That a Committee of three be appointed, whose duty it shall be to prepare a tabular form or digest of the Parish Returns laid before the Convention, agreeably to which, when adopted, the said returns shall be entered on the Journals of the same: and likewise a form for the said returns, from the several Parishes.

That it be the duty of the Secretary of the Convention, for the time being, to furnish the Ministers of the several Parishes with blank copies of the said form; and that they be, and they are hereby, required, *henceforth*, to make their annual Returns conformably to the same.

Whereupon, on motion, the President appointed the Secretary, the Rev. A. Gibbes and the Rev. Dr. Gadsden.

It was moved by Mr. John Gadsden, That the Committee appointed at the last Convention [*See Journal 1825, p. 26.*] "to inquire into the state of any property heretofore belonging to the Protestant Episcopal Churches in this State, in any Parishes where there are no Vestries or Trustees having charge thereof," during the recess, and to report at the next Convention, be empowered, as heretofore, during the ensuing recess, and that they report to the next Convention. The motion being agreed to, the same Committee were appointed; viz. John Gadsden, Col. John Porter, jun. and Robert Barnwell.

The following Parochial Reports, required by the 45th Canon of the General Convention, having been presented to the Bishop, were read:

St. Michael's Parish, Charleston.

Marriages, 8; of which one was of coloured persons.

Baptisms, 27; of which 2 were of Adult white persons, 2 of Adult coloured persons, and 1 infant of coloured persons.

Burials, 14.

Communicants. Within a few years past, about 25 of those who communed at this Church, have left the city, and become resident at the North or in England; and about 10 have been removed by death. Those who have within the same period, become Communicants, do not exceed 25, so that the number cannot now be estimated at more than about 340 white persons. Of coloured persons, the number is not now more than 80—many having, within a few years, been removed into the country, and se-

veral having died, of whom 15 or 16 commune at some seasons at other Churches. Total 420.

The state of the Sunday School is not materially changed since the last Convention. That for coloured persons and children, from the causes before adverted to, has very limited success. The number of Children catechised on the Sundays in Lent, at this Church, was about 80.

The number of Families composing the Congregation of this Church, is 237, of which 25 or 26 belong at some seasons, to other Congregations. The whole number of Adults and Children, including coloured people, composing this charge, more accurately estimated than it was last year, is about 1200.

The proportion of coloured persons belonging to this Congregation, is less than in others. A principal reason of this, is the want of room for their accommodation. The sittings of the Church are considerably fewer than of either of the others.

According to the Canon requiring it, a collection has been made for the fund instituted by the Convention, denominated the Bishop's Common Fund. And the Church has paid the whole sum assigned to it as its quota towards the same Fund.

N. BOWEN, Rector.

F. DALCHO, Assistant Minister.

St. Philip's Parish. Charleston.

In conformity with the 45th Canon of the General Convention, and the 2d Canon of the Diocesan Convention, the Ministers of St. Philip's Church present to the Bishop the following statement.

Baptisms; Adults 3, Infants 83,

Burials, 71

Marriages, 17.

Families of White persons, 310.

There are 50 Families who belong to other Congregations.

Families of persons of colour cannot be ascertained.

Communicants, White, 40 Male, 263 Female.

Communicants of Colour, about 200.

Adults not Communicants, White, 401.

Children under 14 years of age, White, 332.

Whites, the whole number of all ages, 1036—Coloured, the whole number of all ages, about 500—Total 1536.

Catechised at Church, White Children, 90—do. Children of Colour, 56—Total 146.

The occasions of public catechisings by the Ministers, are customarily on the four Sundays in Advent, the six Sundays in Lent, and six Sundays in the autumn, the latter more particularly in reference to those Children who are absent at the other seasons.

The Sunday Schools are prosperous, under the care of the same worthy Superintendent and Teachers, who have for some time conducted them, assisted occasionally by some other ladies and gentlemen.

Day, Festival and Fast, observed by the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States.

The seasons in which the Children are catechised, are those of Advent and Lent. The number catechised cannot be accurately stated; but it is comparatively small, not exceeding thirty or forty, owing to the absence of many families from the city, during the winter months. Having no Assistant, the Rector is unable during the summer, when most of the Congregation are in town, to attend to this interesting duty. His deficiency, however, in this respect, he trusts is amply made up, by the exercises of the Sunday School, which he regularly visits, when no Parochial duties interfere. The number of Children on the list of this School, is about 120, of whom about 80 attend regularly when in town, and are under the instruction of the Superintendent, two Male, and fifteen Female Teachers, each of whom, he believes, is fully competent, under the blessing of God, to the successful discharge of this labour of love. The course of instruction comprises the Catechism, the Easy and Familiar Guide to the better understanding of the same, Bible Questions, Watt's Hymns for Children, the Collect, Gospel and Epistle for the day, together with other Books prescribed for the use of the Schools, connected with the four Episcopal Churches in this city.

A Sermon on the Nature and Duties of the Episcopal Office has been preached, and a collection made in aid of the funds instituted by the Convention, to provide for expenses incident to the same.

C. HANCKELL, Rector.

Prince George's Parish, Winyaw.

Baptisms, 5.

Marriages, 3.

Burials, 3.

Communicants, 57 White persons, 15 Coloured. Total 72.

Families, resident 52.

There are several persons who reside here, most of the winter, and are regular attendants at Church, but as not residents of the Town, are not included in this Report—

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| Individuals, resident | - - - - - | 205, |
| Coloured people, about | - - - - - | 30, |
| Total, | - - - - - | 235, |
| Adults, | - - - - - | 136, |
| Children under 14 years, | - - - - - | 69, |
| Children Catechised, from | - - - - - | 20 to 30, |

Divine Service is held twice every Sunday, and Prayers once in the week, 7 months in town, from the beginning of November to the last of May. The remaining 5 months in the year, the inhabitants pass at North Island, where regular Service is performed by the Assistant Minister. In consequence of the necessity of this removal, and the residence during the winter and spring of most of the large families of the Congregation from 3 to 10 miles out of town, which prevents their attending evening Service. A regular Sunday School has been found impracticable,

But invariably during the seasons of Advent and Lent, such of the Children as can possibly be collected, are carefully examined and instructed in the Catechism, and during the summer, at the Island.

It is proper to state here, what was omitted in last year's report, that a very handsome steeple has been added to the Church, the amount for which, was given by a few zealous and pious members, and the greater part of which, was provided for by will. A Sermon on the Episcopal Office has been preached, and a collection made for the "Bishop's Common Fund."

M. H. LANCE, Rector.

P. T. KEITH, Assistant Minister.

St. Helena Parish, Beaufort.

Baptisms, 8 Infants, 3 in private, 5 in Church.

Marriage, 1.

Burials, 8.

Communicants—although several have been admitted, yet, by death and by removals from the Parish, the number has been reduced since last reported; one, we regret to say, having withdrawn from the Church; and is at present, White 47, and 1 Coloured.

The resolution, having respect to the General Seminary, it has not been deemed expedient to comply with. A Sermon has been preached, and a collection made in aid of "the Episcopal Fund."

The number of Families regularly attached to the Church, is about fifty; to which there belong one hundred and thirty Children under fourteen. A considerable part of these attend a Sunday School during the summer, and are during that season, frequently, though not stately, catechised.

Divine Service is performed twice on Sundays, and once in the week, on Wednesday. The leading Festivals and Fasts are attended to—during Passion-Week, the Church is open every day.

It may not be uninteresting to state, that in order to meet the demand for seats, the Vestry have caused four new pews to be erected in a part of the Church, appropriated to the blacks; and design, should it be found necessary, to erect an additional gallery for their accommodation above the organ loft. And here it may be mentioned, that the galleries not being very convenient, the Vestry have not succeeded in renting the pews, into which they are formed, even at a very low valuation. Some few, however, have been taken; and the greater part of them, as your reporter, is glad to observe, by persons, mostly without families, who are but temporary inhabitants of the Parish.

On the whole, though several distressing bereavements by death have been sustained during the last summer, he can, and he is grateful to God, in being able to do so, report favourably of his Church—and gathering confidence from a view of the past, would, in reliance upon his promised presence and protection, commend his charge to the care of the great and gracious Head of the Church.

JOSEPH R. WALKER, Rector.

St. John's Parish, Berkley.

Baptism, 1 White Infant.

Burials, 6.

Marriage, 1.

Communicants ; 29 Whites, and 13 persons of colour.

During the past year, three of the White Communicants died, and four removed ; but 11 new ones have been added. Of the 29 White Communicants, 26 are also Communicants in the Churches of Charleston.

From the 1st of November to the 1st of June, Divine Service is performed alternately in the Parish Church and Strawberry Chapel ; and from the 1st of June to the 1st of November, it is performed alternately in the two Pine-land settlements of Cordesville and Pine-ridge.

The Canon for preaching a Sermon on the Episcopate, has been complied with

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| Families, - - - - - | 26 |
| Individuals, - - - - - | 92 |
| Adults, - - - - - | 65 |
| Under 14 years, - - - - - | 27 |

As soon as the Children are old enough to be catechised, they are either left in Charleston, or sent to it, for their education ; and thus the Rector has never been able to have any Children to catechise at Church.

There is no Sunday School in this cure.

J. J. TSCHUDY, Rector.

St. John's Parish, Colleton.

Baptisms, 6 ; 3 Children, and 3 Adult persons of colour.

Burials, 3.

Communicants, 24 ; of whom 7 are persons of colour.

There is but one place of worship in this Parish, in which Divine Service is regularly held once on every Sunday, from the 1st of November to the 1st of June.

The number of Families may be estimated at about 38 ; comprising 95 Adults, and 60 Children—Total 155. The number of coloured worshippers, is comparatively numerous. From the scattered population of the Island, and the distance at which most of the Children of a suitable age, reside from the Church, it has not been deemed practicable to organize a Sunday School. Public Catechisings, however, have been held, and it is the intention of the Minister to hold them regularly on every Sunday, during the short season that he is permitted by the climate to remain in the scene of duty. It is a source of regret, that but eight Children have hitherto attended ; but there is reason to believe, that this number will soon be considerably increased.

The Sermon on the Nature and Duties of the Episcopal Office, required by the 1st Canon, has been delivered, and in conformity to the recommendation of the Convention, this Parish has contributed fifty dollars to the " Bishop's Common Fund."

It will appear by the account of the Common Fund, for the year which ended in February, 1825, (fol. 44 and 45,) that the receipts for that year, (with some small receipts on account of previous years) enabled the Treasurer to return to St. Michael's Church, the salary paid by that Church, to the Assistant Minister, for the year which ended on the 1st of March, 1825; and also, to pay the sum of \$261 68, on account of the debt to that Church, of which sum \$152 40 was paid for interest, and \$109 28 on account of the principal, which is now reduced to \$1081 54, as will appear by the statement of this debt in the Treasurer's Books, (folio 36.)

The receipts on account of the Common Fund, for the year ending in February, 1826, will be found at (folio 46) amounting to \$1326 72, of which the sum of \$991 75, has been received from the following Churches; the balance being the three-fourths of the income of the Permanent Fund, transferred to the credit of this account.

Contributions to the Common Fund, for the year ending in February, 1826, viz:

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| St. John's, John's Island, - - - - - | \$50 |
| Christ Church, - - - - - | 10 |
| St. Paul's, Radcliffeborough, - - - - - | 44 75 |
| St. Philip's, Charleston, - - - - - | 250 |
| St. Michael's, Charleston, - - - - - | 350 |
| St. David's, Cheraw, - - - - - | 10 |
| St. Helena, Beaufort, - - - - - | 50 |
| Edisto Island Church, - - - - - | 31 |
| St. Luke's, - - - - - | 50 |
| All-Saints, - - - - - | 21 |
| Prince George, Winyaw, - - - - - | 75 |
| North Santee, - - - - - | 30 |
| Claremont, - - - - - | 20 |

\$991 75

The Stock which was purchased in the name of the Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal Society, in Trust, and which was to have been transferred to the corporate name of the Society, in Trust, &c. after the passage of the act amendatory of the charter of the Society, in December, 1824, has not yet been transferred, the Powers of Attorney, for the purpose not having been completed till yesterday. The transfers will be made in the course of the present week.*

NATHANIEL BOWEN,
President of the Society.

On motion of Mr. T. W. Bacot, *Resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to write to the Parishes and Churches which have not contributed to the Bishop's "Common Fund," in conformity with the recommendation of the Convention [*See Journal 1824, pp. 33—36.*] and request a written answer upon the subject.

* The transfers have been made, and all the Trust Stock now stands in the corporate name of the Society, in Trust, &c.

Whereupon, on motion, the President appointed Robert J. Turnbull, Thomas Lowndes, the Rev. P. T. Gervais, David Alexander, and Major Samuel Wragg.

The Treasurer laid his Accounts before the Convention, when Major Wragg, and Mr. Ravenel, were appointed a Committee to examine them. The Committee soon after reported that they had found the Accounts correct, and that there remains a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of \$133 15.

The Secretary reported, that pursuant to an order of the last Convention [*See Journal 1825, p. 15.*] directing him to "procure 100 copies of the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States," he procured from New-York, the number required, and had distributed them as directed by the Convention.

Ordered, that 350 copies of the Journal be printed.

On motion, the thanks of the Convention were presented to the President and Secretary for their respective services.

No further business being before the Convention, it was moved to adjourn; when, after Prayers by the Bishop, and the blessing, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

NATHANIEL BOWEN,

President.

Attest,

FREDERICK DALCHO,

Secretary.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE Diocese of South-Carolina.

WHEREAS in all Societies professing Christianity, the promotion of religion should primarily engage their sincere attention, as being the sure and only means of rendering them acceptable to Almighty God, and calling down his blessings upon them. And whereas by General Conventions of the Protestant Episcopal Churches in the United States of America, a Constitution and Canons have been formed for the government and discipline of the same :

Be it therefore Resolved, that the following Constitution be agreed to, adopted and observed, by the Protestant Episcopal Churches in this Diocese, for their government.

ARTICLE I.

Of Stated Meetings.

A stated Convention shall be held annually in Charleston, on the second Wednesday in every February, or at such time, and in such place, as shall have been determined upon, by the preceding Convention ; but if a sufficient number of Churches do not attend on the same day, the Representatives, whether Clergy or Laity, of any two of them assembled, shall have power to adjourn from day to day, until a quorum is formed ; which shall consist of, at least, seven Churches.

ARTICLE II.

Of Lay-Delegates.

Delegates shall be elected by the respective Episcopal Churches throughout the Diocese, from among the members of those Churches respectively, to represent them in the State Convention : The Delegates to be elected in such manner, time and numbers, as each Church shall deem proper ; to serve twelve months from the time of election ; who shall, before they are permitted to take their seats in Convention, produce written testimonials of their election.

ARTICLE III.

Of Ministers.

The Minister, or Ministers, of every Episcopal Church, shall always be *ex-officio*, a member, or members, of the Convention, with a right to vote on all matters requiring the suffrages thereof, with the exception of such as involve the temporal concerns of the Churches ; but the right to

vote on matters involving the temporal concerns of the Churches, shall, nevertheless, appertain to such Clerical member, or members, as may be specially authorized to do so, by his, or their Vestry, or other authority of his or their Congregation, in the absence of their Lay-Delegate, or Lay-Delegates.

ARTICLE IV.

Of Missionaries, and Clergymen engaged in Colleges, &c.

Every Missionary of the Protestant Episcopal Church, employed in this Diocese with the approbation of the Ecclesiastical authority of the same, and every duly recognized Minister of this Church, engaged in any College, or incorporated Academy, in this Diocese, shall be entitled to all the privileges of a member of the Convention, with the exception of the right to vote.

ARTICLE V.

Of the President.

The Bishop of the Diocese shall be, *ex-officio*, President of the Convention; in his absence a presiding officer shall be elected from among the attending members.

ARTICLE VI.

Of the Secretary and Treasurer.

A Secretary and Treasurer shall be annually chosen, (and continue in office until a successor be appointed) who shall keep a true and correct Journal of the proceedings; and regular accounts of all money transactions, to be annually laid before the Convention. It shall also be his duty to give notice to each Minister and Vestry, of the time and place appointed for any stated, or special, meeting of the Convention.

ARTICLE VII.

Of the Standing Committee.

A Standing Committee, consisting of an equal number of Clergymen and Laymen, shall be appointed at every regular meeting of the Convention, for the purposes expressed in the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention, and of the Constitution and Canons of the State Convention, and who shall continue in office until another Committee be appointed. Vacancies in this Committee, caused by death, resignation or otherwise, shall be supplied by the suffrages of the remaining members.

ARTICLE VIII.

Of Special Meetings.

It shall be the duty of the Bishop, or in case of his absence, of the Standing Committee, to call a special meeting of the Convention, whenever he, or they, shall deem it necessary.

ARTICLE IX.

Of Voting in Convention.

In all matters requiring the suffrages of the Convention, with the exception contained in the Third Article of the Constitution, the Members shall deliberate and vote as one body, but any two Clergymen, or the Delegation from any two Churches, may call for a separate vote of each Order, when the Clergy shall vote individually, (two or more Clergymen representing the same Church having one vote), and the Lay-Delegates by Churches, (a majority of each Delegation having one vote) and a majority of both orders shall, in each case, be necessary to a decision.

ARTICLE X.

Trial of a Clergyman.

Wilful error in religion, or deviation from the Rubric of the Church; charges of viciousness of life, and disorderly behaviour, may be exhibited against a Clergyman to the State Convention; and on clear and sufficient proof thereof, by *viva voce* evidence, on oath duly administered in the Convention, or by a commission to take such, duly executed, such Clergyman shall be pronounced guilty, or not guilty, as the Convention shall determine; and the Bishop shall proceed to admonish, censure, suspend, or degrade such Clergyman, as in his judgement, the nature of the case, or the usages, or interests, of the Church may require. And he shall, in the name of the Convention, inform the Vestry, or Congregation of the Church, in which such Minister is officiating at the time, of such censure, suspension, or degradation.

ARTICLE XI.

Committees of Correspondence.

The Delegates of the several Churches to the State Convention, shall, during the recess of the Convention, be Corresponding Committees, intrusted with the duty of informing the Standing Committee, of the situation of their respective Churches; and generally, such other things, as may relate to the temporal and spiritual interests of the Protestant Episcopal Churches in the Diocese.

ARTICLE XII.

Of the Admission of Churches, or Parishes, into the Convention.

Whenever a Church or Parish, not now entitled to a representation, shall be desirous of uniting with the Convention of the Church in this Diocese, they shall apply by letter to the Bishop, or when there is no Bishop, to the Standing Committee, stating the due organization of their Church, the election of their Vestrymen and Church Wardens, their means, or prospects, for the support of a Minister, and their willingness to conform to the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention, and the Constitution and Canons of the Convention of this Diocese,

which are now, or hereafter may be enacted by authority of the same. And at the Convention next succeeding the receipt of such application, the Bishop, or Standing Committee, shall communicate the same to the Convention, for their decision thereon. Should the Convention make a favorable decision, the said Church shall then be considered in union with the Convention of the Church of this Diocese, and Delegates therefrom may be immediately received.

ARTICLE XIII.

Chartered Rights of Churches.

No Article, Canon, Rule, or other Regulation of any General, or State Convention, shall be obligatory on any Episcopal Church within this Diocese, where the same shall be found to infringe on any of its chartered rights.

ARTICLE XIV.

Of Delegates to the General Convention.

To the intent that the Church in this Diocese should not be unrepresented in General Convention, the Clerical or Lay-Delegate, or Delegates, who may be hereafter nominated thereto, shall, in the absence of one or more of their colleagues, be empowered to nominate and appoint, in the place of such absent Delegate or Delegates, any citizen or citizens of this State; *Provided*, that such citizen or citizens is, or are, a member, or members, of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese; or if it be inconvenient for any Delegate or Delegates to proceed to the place of meeting, the Bishop is authorized to appoint others in their place.

ARTICLE XV.

Of Rites and Ceremonies.

“The Book of Common Prayer and Administration of the Sacraments, and other Rites and Ceremonies of the Church, according to the use of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America,” shall be used in the Churches of this Diocese.

ARTICLE XVI.

How the Constitution shall be Altered.

No one of these Articles shall be altered or repealed, nor shall any Article be adopted, unless such alteration, repeal, or new Article, be proposed at one Convention, and be concurred in by two-thirds of the Churches present, at a subsequent Convention.

CANON I.

On making Collections for the Bishop's Fund.

Every Minister having a Parochial charge in this Diocese, or his assistant, shall, from time to time, at his discretion, preach, in every Church under his care, a Sermon on the nature and duties of the Episcopal Office; and the Vestry of each Church are requested, to make a collection, annually, in aid of the Bishop's Common Fund; or, in lieu of such collection, the Minister and Vestry of such Church may substitute an annual contribution.—*Passed 1822. Amended 1826.*

CANON II.

Providing for an accurate view of the state of the Church.

Every Minister having a parochial Charge in this Diocese shall, at or before the meeting of every Annual Convention, deliver, or transmit, to the Bishop, or where there is no Bishop, to the President of the Convention, an accurate statement, in writing, of the number of Baptisms, Burials, and Marriages in his Parish or Church, during the year ending on the 1st January preceding; specifying the number of places where, and how often in each, Divine Service is held, the number of Families, Communicants, Adults, and Children under 14 years, attending, or belonging to the same, the number Catechised by him, and on how many Sundays: whether there be any Sunday School, and if any, the number of Children, and Teachers, and the subjects of instruction in the same; and generally, all such other matters as may tend to throw light on the state of the Church under his care; which reports shall be laid before the Convention, and entered on the Journals, conformably to the 45th General Canon.—*Passed 1825.*

